

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings (Figures 2-10) as shown in the attached “Replacement Sheets”.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 64, 65, 67-97, and 99-125 are currently pending. Claims 2-62, 63, 66 and 98 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 72-74, 78-82, 85, 87, 90-92, 103-105 and 114-116 have been amended. Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 66 (now cancelled); Claims 64 65, 67, 70, 72-74, 78-82 and 85 have been amended to recite dependency from Claim 1; and Claim 87 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 98 (now cancelled); and Claims 90-92, 103-105 and 114-116 have been amended to reflect proper antecedent basis for various claim terms.

The conditional double patenting rejection of Claim 63 is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 63.

The rejection of Claim 87 in item No. 3 on page 2 of the Official Action is deemed moot in view of the amendment of Claim 87, i.e. incorporating the limitation of Claim 98 which was indicated as conditionally allowable (see item No. 10 on page 6 of the Official Action).

The rejection of Claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom, either directly or indirectly (see items Nos. 6 and 7 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action) is deemed moot in view of the amendment of Claim 1 to include the limitation of Claim 66 which was indicated as conditionally allowable (see item No. 10 on page 6 of the Official Action).

The rejection of Claims 88, 89, 91-94, 97, 99-101, 103-107, 110, 111, 117, 120 and 121 as set forth in item No. 8 on pages 4 and 5 of the Official Action is deemed moot in view of the amendment to Claim 87 and upon which the aforementioned claims depend.

The rejection of Claims 102, 118 and 119 as set forth in item No. 9 on page 5 of the Official Action is deemed moot in view of the amendment to Claim 87 and upon which the aforementioned claims depend.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conditional allowance of Claims 66, 69, 82-84, 95, 98, 108, 109, 112-116, 122 and 123; and the allowance of Claims 124 and 125.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, Replacement Sheets are submitted for Figures 2-10, and in which all foreign language terms have been replaced by the English language equivalent.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that they have fully responded to all outstanding grounds of rejection and that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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